

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Walter DeBerry Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-104

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Walter DeBerry Farm, with its main dwelling and most of its outbuildings built in the early twentieth century but its earliest outbuilding dating to the mid-1800s, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland from the mid-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. An agricultural economy predominated throughout the area during the mid-nineteenth century. Many of the original settlers, transplanted from Tidewater Maryland and Virginia, first attempted to grow tobacco as a cash crop but subsequently shifted their focus to raising cattle and growing wheat, corn, oats, rye, and Irish potatoes. The typical farm in this era averaged about 240 acres and consisted of 30% improved and 70% unimproved land. Agriculture also remained the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the late nineteenth century, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye, and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine, and horses. Even in the subsequent decades of the twentieth century, as mechanization began to alter many farming practices, most of the area's residents were still employed in agriculture. Mid-twentieth-century farms in the area focused on producing potatoes, hay, corn, small grains, buckwheat, oats, garden vegetables, and maple sugar, and dairying became a significant regional agricultural pursuit.

The earliest building on the DeBerry farm dates to the 1860s and began life as a smokehouse. Most of the other outbuildings and agricultural buildings on the property date to the mid-twentieth century. According to the property owner, a 1944 tornado blew down almost all of the outbuildings except the log smokehouse, the embanked machine shed, and the potato house; this storm also destroyed a third barn and the front porch of the house.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon/KCI Technologies, Inc.

Concur - [Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

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Walter DeBerry Farm

Stuart Dixon

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. With the exception of the log smokehouse, the architecture on this farm does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. However, the log smokehouse, although recently somewhat altered and not a particularly significant example of its type, nonetheless represents the earliest surviving building on the property and one of the earlier still-extant log buildings in the surrounding area. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Addendum Sheet

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Walter DeBerry Farm
Garrett County

Preparer: Gabrielle M. Lanier
Date Prepared: March 27, 1997

The Walter DeBerry Farm includes a number of outbuildings which were not included in the earlier survey. Most of these extend northward from the main house, and the majority of the buildings are oriented with their ridges aligned in an east-west direction.

The oldest building in the complex is a *circa* 1860 rectangular gable-roofed, gable-fronted log building that formerly served as a smokehouse. The building has recently been reworked as a small greenhouse. It is constructed with square logs finished with V-notched corner joints and chinking that consists predominantly of modern mortar, although a fair amount of early mud, straw, and rubble stone chinking is still visible on the northeast gable and portions of the west gable. It is topped with a rolled asphalt roof supported by modern sawn rafters and finished with exposed rafter feet. The southwest slope of the roof has been inset with glass. One large horizontal fixed sash window pierces the top of each gable. A large arch-topped plywood door with wooden surrounds leads into the east gable; a metal stovepipe also exits from this wall.

To the north stands a small shed-roofed frame two-walled trough house that consists only of horizontal board walling on two sides and a corrugated metal roof. This building shelters a rectangular concrete trough which gathers water from the operating spring just uphill and to the southeast. The roof of the building is supported on round barked wooden poles.

East of the trough house stands a small, gable-roofed frame springhouse. This building rests atop an operating spring that still supplies the farm with its drinking water. It rests on unmortared rubble stone supports, is clad in vertical board sheathing, and is topped with a rolled asphalt gable roof finished with a wooden eave and exposed rafter feet. A single vertical board door leads into the southeast gable. The spring which feeds into this building emanates from an embankment just to the southeast; the opening for this spring is defined by a set of mortared rubble stones enclosed by a fence.

Just east of the springhouse stands a small, shed-roofed one-story frame corn crib. This building rests on rubble stone piers, is sheathed in a mixture of horizontal and diagonal wood slats, and is topped with a corrugated metal roof with exposed rafter feet. A small door constructed of vertical boards pierces the southeast gable.

A hog house stands north of the corn crib. This is a one-story frame building that rests on large chunks of concrete, is sheathed in vertical boards, and is topped with a corrugated metal roof with exposed rafter feet and a wooden eave. The building has been partially clad in corrugated metal on its northwest gable. A six-light wooden sash window and a vertical board door pierce the southeast gable, and a large but sashless window opening pierces the southwest elevation.

A frame scale house for weighing cattle stands just east of the hog house. This building rests on stone piers. It is sheathed in a mixture of vertical boards and rolled asphalt and topped with a rolled asphalt gable roof with a wooden eave and exposed rafter feet. A large, garage-sized door built of vertical boards pierces the northwest gable; a matching garage-sized door pierces the opposite gable. Triangular wooden projections extend from the tops of each gable. A smaller vertical board door is centered on the south elevation. A six-light wooden sash window pierces the southeast gable.

Next to the scale house stands a small shed-roofed frame chicken house which also rests on stone piers. This building is clad in vertical board walling and topped with a rolled asphalt shed roof with exposed rafter feet and a wooden eave. One large opening pierces the south elevation, and a large nine-light wooden sash window pierces the south elevation.

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To the south stands a small frame shed, also used as a chicken house, resting on a foundation of dry laid stone. This building is sheathed in a mixture of vertical boards, board-and-batten siding, and rolled asphalt with flat wooden corner boards. It is topped with a rolled asphalt roof with exposed rafter feet, a wooden eave, and a flat wooden verge. A vertical board door topped with a two-light transom pierces the south elevation. Two large six-light wooden sash windows pierce the same elevation. The door and window openings have no surrounds. A nine-light wooden sash window pierces the southeast gable.

A frame one-story wood shed stands just to the west. This building rests on stone piers, is clad in vertical board walling and board-and-batten siding, and is topped with a corrugated metal roof with exposed rafter feet. Two large sliding vertical board doors on the south wall provide access to the interior; a standard-sized vertical board door on the north elevation also provides access. A set of wooden ladder steps leads up to this entrance.

The building standing farthest to the west is a two-story gable-roofed partially-embanked frame potato house. This building rests on a concrete block foundation, is clad in wooden drop siding with flat wooden corner boards, and is topped with a rolled asphalt roof with a wooden eave and exposed rafter feet. An earthen ramp leads up to an entrance in the southwest gable. Two drop-sided swinging doors at the top of this ramp lead to the inside. Two standard-sized wooden doors pierce the opposite gable, and a concrete platform rests just in front of this entrance. The building is lit by several four-light wooden sash windows with flat wooden surrounds, sills, and molded drip caps.

To the north of this building stands a one-story garage. This building includes cladding of wooden weatherboards, drop siding, vertical boards, and flat wooden corner boards. It is covered with a rolled asphalt roof with a wooden eave and exposed rafter feet. Two sliding vertical board doors pierce the southwest gable, and a single garage door pierces the opposite gable.

A large cinderblock gable-roofed bank barn stands some distance to the east. The foundation and walls of this barn are constructed with a mixture of concrete block and cinderblock. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with exposed rafter feet. A stone and concrete-walled grass-covered earthen ramp leads to the main entrance on the south elevation. This entrance is fitted with two double sliding vertical board doors. Two large vertical board doors and a standard-sized wooden Dutch door pierce the west gable, and a set of large sliding vertical board doors pierce the east gable. Several nine-light wooden sash windows light the entire south elevation. A large tile block silo stands adjacent to the southeast gable. This silo joins the building via a corrugated metal-clad passageway accessed by a vertical board door. The roof of the silo is formed by a long cat's-head type of extension of the main barn roof. Two urn-shaped lightning rods rise from the roof ridge.

Just southwest of this large bank barn stands another embanked building. This is a one-story gable-roofed and gable-fronted frame machine shed with a stone-reinforced earthen ramp leading to its primary entrance on the south gable. This building rests on concrete piers, is clad in wooden drop siding, and is topped with a rolled asphalt roof with a wooden eave and verge and exposed rafter feet. A set of large sliding vertical board doors at the head of the ramp provides access to the interior; two large vertical board doors also open into the east elevation. A full-length shed-roofed addition joins the west wall. The addition, which is also clad in wooden drop siding is topped with a rolled asphalt roof with exposed rafter feet and a wooden eave. Two garage-sized vertical board doors pierce the west elevation.

The northernmost building in this complex is a large gable-roofed frame bank barn. This building includes a concrete foundation, a mixture of vertical board and corrugated metal walling, and a combination corrugated metal and rolled asphalt gable roof. A grass-covered earthen ramp reinforced with dry-laid stone leads up to the primary

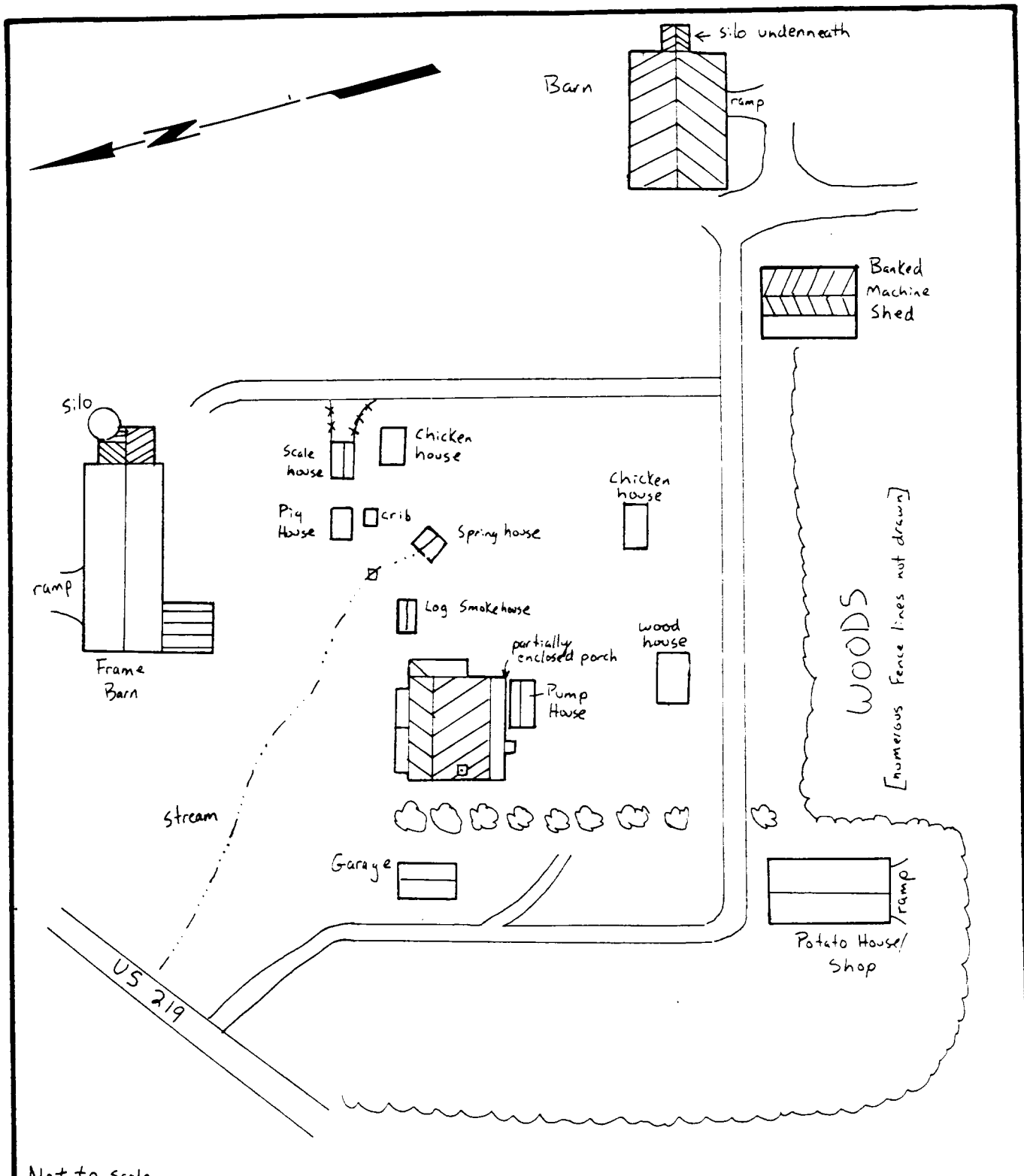
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entrance on the barn's north elevation. A set of sliding vertical board doors at the top of the ramp leads to the barn's interior. Several six-light wooden sash windows with wooden surrounds light the building. A one-story shed-roofed open-sided shed projects from the east gable; next to this shed stands a roofless tile block silo. A one-story shed-roofed leanto connects the barn and silo, and a second, similar leanto projects from the south gable.

An enclosed family cemetery is located far to the southeast and at the top of an exposed hill. Approximately thirteen gravestones, most of which are granite and date to the twentieth century, are set within a wire fence enclosure shaded by several tall conifers. Most of the stones range in date from the 1960s through the 1980s, but a few of the earliest stones date to the first decade of the twentieth century. The cemetery site affords a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside.



Not to scale



Resource Sketch Map

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Walter DeBerry Farm
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



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Walter DeBerry Farm
Oakland
Private

c.1860, 1933, 1945

Although most of the structures on the Walter DeBerry Farm date from the 1930s and 1940s, the farm site dates from the 1860s, when it was settled by Clark DeBerry. The Walter DeBerry farmhouse, built in 1933, is a frame two story, three bay by three bay structure with a gable roof that extends slightly further in the rear, covering a single story shed addition. Among the numerous wooden outbuildings on the farm is a circa. 1860 log structure, which stands only four logs high and has V-notched corners.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Walter DeBerry Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 219, 1¼ miles north of Oakland

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

☒ VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Garrett County**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Walter DeBerry

Telephone #: 301-334-2628

STREET & NUMBER

State Road (Rt. 219)

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21550**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE
Maryland 21550**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame farmhouse is situated in a relatively flat area just off Rt. 219, 1¼ miles north of Oakland. The house faces north. It is a two-story, three bay by three bay structure with a gable roof that extends slightly further in the rear. A single story shed addition runs along the rear, south, elevation. A small single story structure with a gable roof is connected to the rear of the main block by a small enclosure. A gable roofed porch, supported by squared tapered wooden posts on shingled bases extends over the bays on the facade. The gable end of the porch is covered with scalloped shingles.

An interior brick chimney is located toward the west side of the house. Six over one sash windows light the facade with nine over one sash windows on the east and west elevations. The house is covered with asbestos shingles. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

Among the numerous wooden outbuildings on the farm is a circa 1860 log structure. This small building, which stands only four logs high, has V-notched corners. The logs extend as far as 4" beyond the corners. Rafter ends are exposed, and the frame gable is sheathed in vertical boards. A low door pierces the east gable end.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES c.1860, 1933, and 1945 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although most of the structures on the Walter DeBerry Farm date from the 1930s and 1940s, the farm site dates from the 1860s. Shortly after the Civil War, Clark DeBerry of Preston County, West Virginia (Walter DeBerry's father), acquired three 50 acre military lots, cleared the land, and built a loghouse and outbuildings, of which the small log outbuilding is extant. The loghouse was replaced by a frame house, which burned and was replaced by the present house in 1933. A tornado in 1944 damaged 16 buildings on the farm, one of which was the barn. It was rebuilt in 1945 with the help of the local Amish community.

Walter DeBerry (the present occupant), born in 1887, is one of 11 children that were raised on the farm. His great-grandfather migrated from France to West Virginia near Hutton, probably in the late 1780s shortly after the Maryland-Virginia Interstate Road had been constructed. Walter DeBerry's grandfather, Samuel, also settled near Hutton; his father, Clark, moved from the Hutton area and settled this site in c.1860. His mother was Jane Fredlock, of German descent from the Sunnyside area (Garrett County).

Clark DeBerry operated the farm as a dairy farm which had the first dairy creamer in Oakland. Walter DeBerry switched to beef farming 50 years ago.

A noteworthy feature of the log outbuilding is the continuation of the logs beyond the corners. This type of construction, rarely found in the more well-finished log buildings of Washington and Frederick counties, is also found at G-IV-C-043, the Edward Barnard Farmstead. This feature is also seen in other log buildings in "pioneer", rather than well-settled, areas further west. Scandinavian log buildings often display uniformly extended corners.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Route 219, 1¼ miles north of
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Walter Berry Farm

Garrett Co., MD

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Facade; N elev.



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Walter DeBerry Farm

Garrett Co., Md.

C. Crawford 9/81

Rear, S. elevation



